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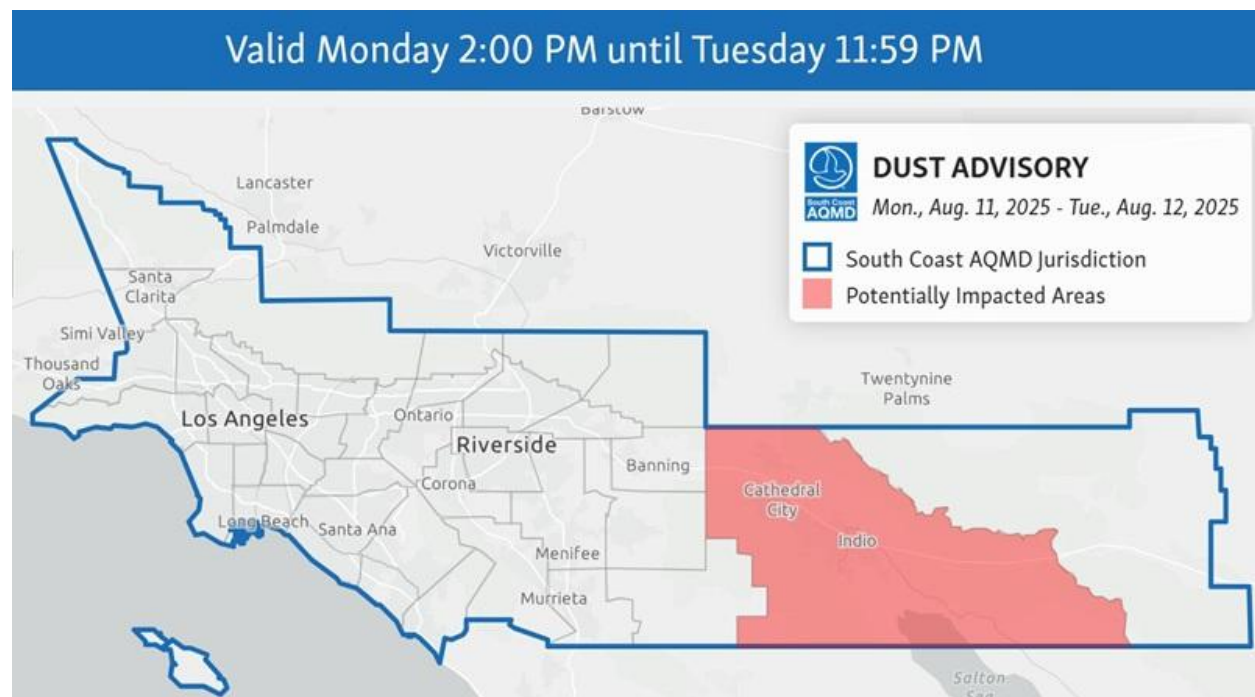
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South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for Coachella Valley

Valid until Tuesday 11:59 PM



Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

- Winds from the west with gusts up to 50 mph and 30 mph are predicted in the northwestern and central Coachella Valley respectively.
- Strongest winds will be after sunset each day.
- Blowing dust may result in **Very Unhealthy** AQI categories in the Coachella Valley at times from Monday evening through Tuesday night, with the highest AQI expected in the northwestern part of the valley.

- Air quality can vary by hour and location depending on wind conditions.

To view current air quality in your neighborhood, download the [South Coast AQMD app](#) or visit www.aqmd.gov/AQImap.

Detailed Forecast

6 PM Monday through 2 AM Tuesday	AQI is predicted to range from Moderate to Very Unhealthy or higher at times, with the highest AQI in northwestern Coachella Valley. Wind gusts and PM10 levels are predicted to peak around 9 PM Monday.
Tuesday morning through afternoon	As winds decrease during the day on Tuesday, AQI due to PM10 will be in the Good to Moderate categories between 3 AM to 5 PM. However the AQI due to ozone (smog; unrelated to windblown dust) will be in the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups category.
Tuesday evening through midnight	Winds are predicted to increase starting 6 PM Tuesday. AQI due to PM10 will be in the Moderate to Unhealthy categories, with the highest AQI in northwestern Coachella Valley. PM10 levels are predicted to subside after midnight.

South Coast AQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

If you are in an area impacted by windblown dust or ash:

- Limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed or seeking alternate shelter.
- Avoid vigorous physical activity.
- Run your air conditioning and/or an air purifier. If possible, do not use swamp coolers or whole house fans that bring in outside air.
- Help minimize dust pollution by stabilizing loose soils and slowing down if driving on dirt roads.

For more information, see the [EPA Guide for Particle Pollution \(PDF\)](#).

South Coast AQMD is the regulatory agency responsible for improving air quality for large areas of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, including the Coachella Valley. For news, air quality alerts, event updates and more, please visit us at www.aqmd.gov, download our award-winning app, or follow us on [Facebook](#), [X](#) (formerly known as Twitter) and [Instagram](#).

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